hazardous employments. According to information received from the NCT of Delhi, while no statistics are maintained in respect of rag-pickers separately, inspections of hazardous and non-hazardous occupations are undertaken and prosecutions sanctioned under the provisions of the relevant act.

Government of India is implementing projects in Delhi for the children withdrawn from work through a Grants-in-aid scheme for welfare of working children. An integrated programme for street children is also under implementation. This particularly targets children without homes and family ties.

**Extension of Indian Exclusive Economic Zone**

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SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new legal concept developed in 1994 provides for the redefinition of the outer continental margin area of coastal States that could extend beyond 200 nautical miles for some countries;

(b) whether Government have prepared data claiming extended continental margin beyond the present 200 nautical miles Exclusive Economic Zone upto 350 nautical miles; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the data collected for submission to U.N. Commission on the limits of the Continental Shelf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) (a) The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982, which entered into force on 16 November 1994, provides for the extension of the outer continental margin area of coastal States beyond 200 nautical miles for some countries.

(b) No, Sir. Marine geophysical surveys are presently underway for collection of the required data.

(c) Does not arise.